

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – Art Unit 1634

Attorney Docket No. 42778.8013.US01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

TSAO, Betty P.

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Examiner: Johannsen, Diana B.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam,

The following is in response to the final Office Action mailed March 18, 2005.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on p. 2.

Amendments to the claims begin on p. 6.

Remarks begin on p. 10.

Conclusion begins on p. 12.

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